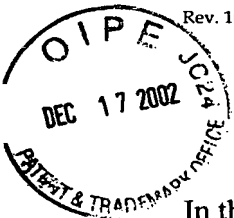


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AMENDMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Office communication dated September 11, 2002, please amend the patent application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Cancel claims 8 to 10.

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REMARKS

Reconsideration is respectfully requested of the Office rejection of claims 1 to 7 under the provisions of 35 USC 112 and/or 35 USC 103. Claims 1 to 7 are maintained in their original form, without amendment, since these claims represent a patentable advance in the art.

Applicants confirm a telephone election of Group I, claim 1 to 7, due to a restriction requirement. Non-elected claims 8 to 10 have been cancelled subject to the right to file a divisional patent application.

Claim 1 stands rejected under 35 USC 112, second paragraph, with the Office position setting forth:

In claim 1, it is not clear if the multilayer card comprises more than one ink-receptive layer since claim 1 shows "an ink-receptive layer" which is "on at least one surface of the substrate."

In response, the wording is clear and fully complies with the requirements of 35 USC 112. It is required that the ink-receptive layer be present on one surface of the substrate.

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